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Re: US Patent Application 09/935,173  
Henry Israel  
STENT ASSEMBLY  
Attorney Docket No: 1093NES-US

RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT  
NOT YET FOR FILING

Dear Mr. Thaler,

In preparation for our telephone interview Thursday, attached herewith please find a proposed amendment not yet for submission.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

David Klein  
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Application No. 09/935,173

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT &amp; TRADEMARK OFFICE

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## AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the claims:**

Kindly amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A stent assembly comprising:

an upstream portion adapted to modify a flow characteristic of embolic material disposed in a blood stream flowing through said upstream portion, said upstream portion having a first cross-sectional area that axially changes in a downstream direction to a smaller cross-sectional area; and

a downstream portion in fluid communication with said upstream portion and adapted for the blood stream to flow therethrough, said downstream portion comprising a trapping region for trapping therein said embolic material, said downstream portion comprising a portion having said first cross-sectional area that axially changes to a larger cross-sectional area, said trapping region being in said larger cross-sectional area.

2. (original) The stent assembly according to claim 1 wherein said downstream portion extends from said upstream portion.

3. (original) The stent assembly according to claim 1 wherein said downstream portion is distanced from said upstream portion.

Kindly cancel claims 4-8.

4-8. canceled